## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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IN Application of Applicant Roger's ) ORDER GRANTING
RE: Moving Specialist, LLC for a Class E ) (Household Goods) Certificate of )
Public Convenience and Necessity for ) Operation of Motor Vehicle Carrier ) AUTHORITY

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the Application of Roger's Moving Specialist, LLC ("Applicant" or "Roger's Moving Specialist") to amend its Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPC&N"). Applicant seeks a CPC&N with authority to move household goods throughout the state. Notice of this Application was timely published pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 103-132 on January 10, 2020. No third parties intervened.

A hearing on the Application was held on April 22, 2020. Consistent with Governor McMaster's Executive Order 2020-23, the hearing was held electronically by Skype and telephone in order to keep the persons involved physically separated due to the Novel Corona Virus pandemic presently afflicting the country. In all other respects, the hearing was held in the same manner as any other; the witness was sworn, and the proceedings were recorded.

The parties at the hearing were the Applicant, represented by Charles L.A. Terreni, Esquire, and the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"), represented by

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Christopher M. Huber, Esquire. The ORS informed the Commission it did not oppose Roger's Moving Specialist's Application.

Roger's Moving Specialist called its President, Roy Rogers, Jr., as a witness. Mr. Rogers and his wife, Pamela Rogers, are the owners of Roger's Moving Specialist. Mr. Rogers is a veteran of the moving business. He began working for movers as a day laborer when he was sixteen years old, and later worked for several moving companies in the Rock Hill area. For the past eight years he has been employed by the Staples office supply chain as a driver and mover.

Mr. Rogers believes South Carolina's rapid population growth will provide an opportunity for his household goods moving business. Mr. Rogers plans to reach customers by advertising in social media outlets, and by word of mouth. Applicant is exempt from having a safety rating from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Mr. Rogers also testified that there are no complaints or judgments against him or Roger's Moving Specialist; he has adequate equipment and facilities to provide moving services and has adequate financial resources. Roger's Moving Specialist has obtained appropriate insurance quotes, with limits exceeding the required amounts. Applicant certified that it is familiar with and will comply with all applicable statutes and regulations. Mr. Rogers testified Roger's Moving Specialist has purchased a truck and plans to start with four employees, including himself and his wife. Mr. Rogers plans to grow the business gradually over the

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next five years. Applicant will use the tariff and bill of lading approved with this application.

On April 6, 2020, Applicant moved to present shipper witness testimony by affidavit. The Commission granted this request by Order No. 2020-32-H. Applicant offered the shipper witness affidavit testimony of Avery Feaster. Mr. Fester, a real estate agent in Rock Hill, South Carolina, testified South Carolina's housing market is strong. Mr. Feaster is frequently asked to recommend movers of household goods, and it can be difficult to find qualified movers who are hardworking and ethical, such as Roger's Moving Specialist. Affidavit ¶ 4.

ORS did not prefile testimony but submitted a letter to the Commission on April 23, 2020, stating it had reviewed Roger's Moving Specialist's Application and Amended Application and conducted an inspection of its records and equipment. ORS stated it "is of the opinion that the Applicant will meet the requirements of fit, willing and able as required of a Household Goods Mover under the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-133 (2012)."

The Commission finds Roger's Moving Specialist has demonstrated that it is fit, willing, and able to operate a household goods mover under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-23-330 and S.C. Code Reg. 103-133. We also find that the public convenience and necessity is not already being served by existing authorized services. Therefore, Roger's Moving Specialist' Application for statewide authority should be granted.

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## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. The Application of Roger's Moving Specialist, LLC for a Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is approved for the Applicant to transport household goods to points and places throughout the state.
- 2. The final Tariff and Bill of Lading are approved and attached hereto as Order Exhibit 1.
- 3. The Applicant shall file with the Office of Regulatory Staff the proper insurance, safety rating, and other information required by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-23-10 *et. seq.*, as amended, and by S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-100 through 103-241 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations for Motor Carriers, and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 38-400 through 38-503 of the Department of Public Safety's Rules and Regulations for Motor Carriers, as amended, within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order, or within such additional time as may be authorized by the Commission.
- 4. Upon compliance with S. C. Code Section 58-23-10 *et seq.*, and the applicable regulations for Motor Carriers, a Certificate will be issued by the Office of Regulatory Staff authorizing the motor carrier services granted herein.
- 5. The motor carrier's services authorized by this Order will not be provided prior to compliance with the above-referenced requirements and receipt of a Certificate.

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6. Failure of the Applicant to either 1) complete the certification process by complying with the Office of Regulatory Staff requirements within ninety (90) days of this Order, or 2) to request and obtain from the Commission additional time to comply with the requirements stated above, will cause this Order granting the Application to be null and void, and the Application will be dismissed without prejudice. No further order of this Commission is necessary.

7. Under the two-month reporting requirement continued in Order No. 2014-443 (May 21, 2013), the ORS is requested to furnish the name and docket number of the Applicant to the Commission, should the Applicant fail to meet the present Order. If such notification is provided, the docket will be closed.

8. This Order will remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Comer H. "Randy" Randall, Chairman

ATTEST:

Chief Clerk / Executive Director